



Rowlett Youth Advisory Council Minutes

January 24, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre

5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christa Ninan, Emily Laning, Julianna Houston, Halle Tovar, Ashly Michael, Christine Culpepper, Madison Cook, Della George, Akshay Michael

ABSENT: Melody Morgan

VISITORS: N/A

STAFF: Blake Margolis, City Council Liaison; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Jade Broadnax, Neighborhood Planner

1. The Chair Ashely Michael called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Citizens' Input. At this time, three-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. No action can be taken by this board during the Citizens' Input
 - a. none
3. Approve Minutes from December 20, 2021 meeting.
 - a. Della George made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - b. Julianna Houston seconded the motion.
 - c. All approved.
4. Follow up discussion for participation of the Youth Advisory Council in Cardboard Boat Regatta.
 - a. People in boat: Emily Laning, Madison Cook, Halle Tovar
 - b. Need to schedule dates for decorating a boat. Christine Culpepper is working with her father on a boat.
5. Follow up discussion for Life Skills event with Neighborhood Planning.
 - a. A decision was made to move this event from Sunday, May 22nd to Saturday, May 21st. The location for the event will be at Rowlett Community Centre from 9:30-12:30. Christa Ninan and Christine Culpepper presented ideas on the format such as possibly having a panel for the start of the event, having four work stations, having snacks. A question was asked about having door prizes but members would need to ask businesses for donations to provide door prizes. Jade Broadnax presented their ideas for topics and asked if members could provide input:
 - b. Topics
 - i. Financial literacy
 1. How to file taxes, general budgeting, student loans, how to establish credit and why this is important (house/car)
 - ii. Outreach
 1. Teachers, businesspeople
 - iii. College recruiters such as career profiles and surveys test
 - iv. Job fair



- v. Technical training
 - 1. Talking skills
 - 2. What employers look for in an employee
 - 3. Trade school
- c. Follow up tasks: Christina Culpepper will seek information on partnering with GISD to offer school credit for attendance. Christa Ninan will send her powerpoint on the set up for the event to S. Monroe and J. Broadnax. Shelly M. will follow up with Jason Aguirre on room reservations. Jade B. will get back with her team on possible contacts for speakers who are small business owners. This event will need to be promoted and can be discussed more at the next meeting.
- 6. Updates from the Voter Education event committee.
 - a. Subcommittee: Julianna Houston, Ashly Michael, Madison Cook
 - i. Voter Education Event will be held on April 9, 2022.
 - ii. Due to other city events being held on April 9th the time for this event will be from 4:30-6:30pm.
 - iii. Blake Margolis asked to meet with this committee. The meeting will be held through Zoom.
- 7. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis
 - a. Confirmation of those attending the upcoming Youth Summit. Members should bring their city shirt. Food is covered in the package and the city will pay for dinner on Saturday, as well as snacks and water being provided. Details on the leave time will be sent as soon as possible.
 - b. For future meetings various city departments will be scheduled for presentations. Members were asked to identify their top four choices.
- 8. Public Announcements. Members of the Board or Commission and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements
 - a. Shelly Monroe shared that the Parks and Recreation Department have several job openings or volunteer opportunities for special events.
 - i. Job positions: Rec aides and score keepers
 - ii. If interested in volunteering for any events, inform J. Aguirre.
- 9. Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda
 - a. None
- 10. Adjournment at 7:19pm



Ashly Michael, Chair



Jason Aguirre, Recreation Supervisor